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SUBJECT: MALIK ON SOVIET USE OF STRAITS

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1. MEETING WITH REPORTERS ON RETURN FROM AUSTRALIA-
NEW ZEALAND TRIP MALIK MADE EXPECTED COMMENTS DEPLORING
UNANNOUNCED PASSAGE THROUGH STRAITS OF MALACCA BY TWO
SOVIET WARSHIPS. JUDGING FROM PRESS ACCOUNTS TONE OF
HIS REMARKS MORE SORROW THAN ANGER WITH STRESS ON
FACT THAT INDONESIA CANNOT DO ANYTHING TO PREVENT SUCH
OCCURRENCES AS LONG AS GOI'S AND OTHERS' TERRITORIAL
CLAIM TO STRAITS NOT RECOGNIZED INTERNATIONALLY (FOR
SIMILAR PREVIOUS STATEMENT BY FOREIGN DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN
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SEE PARA 1 REF B). PRESS ACCOUNTS ALSO CARRIED RAZAK

STATEMENT IN SINGAPORE (REPORTED HERE BY UPI) THAT SINCE TERRITORIAL RIGHTS NOT YET "ESTABLISHED" FOREIGN SHIPS DO NOT YET HAVE TO ASK PERMISSION BEFORE USING STRAITS.

2. IN ADDITIONAL COMMENT NAVY CHIEF OF STAF ADMIRAL SUDOMO SAID THAT RECENT INCIDENTS PROVE THAT INDONESIA MUST HAVE POWER (PRESUMABLY NAVAL) TO BACK UP HER DECLARATIONS.

3. LATEST STRAITS INCIDENT STILL ATTRACTING LITTLE PRESS COMMENT. EDITORIAL IN NOVEMBER 16 DEFENSE DEPARTMENT DAILY BERITA YUDHA RESTATED INDONESIAN CLAIMS TO PRINCIPLE OF INNOCENT PASSAGE AND GUARDEDLY ACCUSED US AND SOVIETS OF UNFRIENDLY AND DISCOURTEOUS BEHAVIOR IN REFUSING TO SEEK PERMISSION BEFORE TRANSITTING STRAITS. MOST TELLING COMMENT WAS CARTOON IN NOVEMBER 15 P.. DAILY SINAR HARAPAN WHICH SHOWED US AND SOVIET WARSHIPS BEARING DOWN ON TWO INDONESIANS SITTING IN ROWBOAT. ONE OF THEM DANCES ABOUT SHOUTING "THEY'LL THINK WE'RE WEAK* STOP THEM*" - WHILE THE OTHER (MYOPICALLY PEERING AT A NEWSPAPER) GRUMBLES "I DEPLORE THEIR PASSAGE THROUGH HERE..."

4. COMMENT: DESPITE PRO-FORMA NATURE OF MOST RECENT REACTION TO TRANSGRESSION OF WHAT INDONESIANS REGARD AS THEIR TERRITORIAL RIGHTS IN STRAITS (PARTIALLY EXPLAINED BY PREOCCUPATION OF PRESS WITH VISIT OF IGGI CHAIRMAN PRONK) THIS ISSUE REMAINS A MAJOR FOCUS OF EMOTIONAL NATIONALIST SENTIMENT WHICH CAN SURFACE AT ANY TIME.
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